## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-18 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Original) A microelectronic assembly comprising:

a substrate having bonding pads disposed on a mounting surface thereof, the bonding pads including a ferromagnetic material thereon;

solidified solder disposed on the bonding pads;

a surface mount component bonded to the substrate by way of the solidified solder and including a magnetic layer disposed on a substrate side thereof, the magnetic layer being adapted to cooperate with the ferromagnetic material in the bonding pads to establish a magnetic force of a sufficient magnitude to hold the surface mount component on the substrate before and during soldering.

- 2. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the surface mount component is a capacitor.
- 3. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the bonding pads on the substrate comprise ENIG pads, and wherein the ferromagnetic material in the bonding pads comprise nickel.
- 4. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein soldering comprises a reflow process, and wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material having a Courier temperature that is above a peak reflow temperature range of the solder.
- 5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material having a remanence adapted to have a minimum impact on a performance of circuits within the SMT component or within the substrate.

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- 6. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material including at least one of nickel and a ferronickel alloy.
- 7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has a thickness between about 1 micron and about 5 microns.
- 8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer is one of a continuous layer and a discontinuous layer.
- 9. (Original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein the magnetic layer comprises sublayers defining a pattern adapted to minimize impact on circuits of the surface mount component from a magnetic field of the magnetic layer.
- 10. (Original) The assembly of claim 8, wherein the magnetic layer comprises sublayers defining a pattern corresponding to a pattern of the bonding pads on the substrate.

## 11-18. (Canceled)

- 19. (Original) A surface mount component adapted to be bonded to a bonding pads of a substrate by way of solidified solder, the surface mount component including a magnetic layer disposed on a substrate side thereof, the magnetic layer being adapted to cooperate with a ferromagnetic material in the bonding pads to establish a magnetic force of a sufficient magnitude to hold the surface mount component on the substrate before and during soldering.
- 20. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein the surface mount component is a capacitor.

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- 21. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein soldering comprises a reflow process, and wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material having a Courier temperature that is above a peak reflow temperature range of the solder.
- 22. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material having a remanence adapted to have a minimum impact on a performance of circuits within the SMT component or within the substrate.
- 23. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a magnetic material including at least one of nickel and a ferronickel alloy.
- 24. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein the magnetic layer has a thickness between about 1 micron and about 5 microns.
- 25. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 19, wherein the magnetic layer is one of a continuous layer and a discontinuous layer.
- 26. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 25, wherein the magnetic layer comprises sublayers defining a pattern adapted to minimize impact on circuits of the surface mount component from a magnetic field of the magnetic layer.
- 27. (Original) The surface mount component of claim 25, wherein the magnetic layer comprises sublayers defining a pattern corresponding to a pattern of the bonding pads on the substrate.
- 28. (Original) A system comprising:

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a microelectronic assembly including:

a substrate having bonding pads disposed on a mounting surface thereof, the bonding pads including a ferromagnetic material therein;

solidified solder disposed on the bonding pads;

a surface mount component bonded to the substrate by way of the solidified solder and including a magnetic layer disposed on a substrate side thereof, the magnetic layer being adapted to cooperate with a ferromagnetic material in the bonding pads to establish a magnetic force of a sufficient magnitude to hold the surface mount component on the substrate before and during soldering; and a main memory coupled to the microelectronic assembly.

- 29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the surface mount component is a capacitor.
- 30. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the bonding pads on the substrate comprise ENIG pads, and wherein the ferromagnetic material in the bonding pads comprise nickel.

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